Female Offenders.

129. * **SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*): With reference to the observation made in the G. O. on the working of the Criminal Courts in the State for 1109, "that the number of female offenders convicted during the year, was 1,647 against 1,095 in 1108, the largest number of convictions being as usual, under the Municipal Regulation", will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what the exact number of female offenders convicted under the Municipal Regulation in 1109 was; and

(*b*) whether they have enquired into the reasons for such a large number of convictions under the said Regulation?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 1,126.

(*b*) The High Court ascribe the increase to the strict enforcement of the provisions of the Municipal Regulation.

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA (*Nominated*): May I know the nature of offences of these female offenders?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Violation of the provisions of the Municipal Regulation.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): What are the different offences for which punishments have been awarded?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice, Sir; I have no information.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that, generally, females do not pay license fees due to the Municipality?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is supplying information.

PRESIDENT: Government are aware of it.

Clerical Staff of the Inspectress and Assistant Inspectresses.

130. * **SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement of:

(*a*) the present clerical staff of the Inspectress and each of the Assistant Inspectresses of Schools; and

(*b*) the number of women among them?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*)

(*a*) Inspectress 6.

7 Assistant Inspectresses 2 each.

(*b*) 5.

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA (*Nominated*): May I know whether the smallness of the numbers of women is due to the paucity of qualified women?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Intruction*): No.

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA (*Nominated*): May I ask whether all these 20 posts will be filled up by women?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Applications from women will certainly be considered as vacancies arise.

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